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PRESIDENT NAMES McCONE TO C. I. A.

Visits Naval War College to
Announce Change—Dulles
and Successor on Hand

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at ceremony, Page 20.*

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NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 27—President Kennedy announced today his nomination of John A. McCone to succeed Allen W. Dulles as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The President made the announcement at an appearance before the Naval War College here. Mr. McCone, Mr. Dulles and Vice Admiral Bernard Austin, president of the war college, were with him on the stage of the War College Auditorium.

The President paid tribute to both Mr. McCone and Mr. Dulles, and he took pains to emphasize that Mr. Dulles was not leaving the C. I. A. under duress.

"I know of no man who is a more courageous, selfless public servant than Mr. Allen Dulles," the President said. He expressed "profound regret" at Mr. Dulles' retirement after ten years as a leader in the intelligence agency.

Of Mr. McCone, a Republican business man who served in both the Truman and Eisenhower Administrations, Mr. Kennedy said:

"He has had broad experience. Coming once again to Washington represents a real sacrifice for him. I know that all of us who are concerned with our present responsibilities

are extremely happy to have his counsel, extremely happy to have him associated with us."

The transition will be made in November, the President said. He said Mr. McCone would come to Washington in about two weeks to work with Mr. Dulles.

Mr. McCone and Mr. Dulles, calling each other "John" and "Allen," responded briefly.

Dulles Hails Successor

Mr. Dulles said he was "deeply touched" by the President's tribute.

"In these troubled times," he continued, "the importance of intelligence is emphasized as essential to policy. I know of no better time to turn from this job to others than after having served for ten years and then to have found what I feel is the ideal choice for a man to carry on this important work."

Mr. McCone, taking note of the President's remark about sacrifice, said that in his mind an "opportunity to serve my country in this capacity is a very definite privilege."

He said to Mr. Dulles that he was "not unmindful of the fact that it will be extremely difficult to fill your shoes because of your long experience in this particular field."

Many Officers Present

The ceremony took place in an auditorium filled with the high-ranking officers who are attending the war college. Most were in civilian clothes.

That Mr. Kennedy chose such a forum, and that he had both Mr. Dulles and Mr. McCone on hand, underscored the importance that is attached to the directorship of the C.I.A.

It had been understood for some months that Mr. Dulles would resign in November, following an understanding that he had reached with Mr. Kennedy when the latter asked him to continue in office shortly after the election last year.

After the abortive attempt to topple the Castro regime in Cuba, widely regarded as a C.I.A. project, there were repeated reports, always refuted by the White House, that Mr. Dulles was on the way out.

Mr. Kennedy noted that Mr. Dulles was retiring of his own volition, after having served the year that he had promised last November.

Fly in C. I. A. Plane

Mr. Dulles and Mr. McCone flew this morning from Washington to Quonset Point Naval air station, near here, in a C. I. A. plane. They went at once by helicopter to Hammersmith Farm, where Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are on holiday.

The three men conferred for about a half-hour on the patio. The White House press secretary, Pierre Salinger, said it was at this time that Mr. Kennedy had made his final decision to nominate Mr. McCone.

After the patio conference, the President and his two visitors crossed Newport Harbor, a twenty-minute cruise, in the Honey Fitz, the Presidential yacht. This brought them to the naval base and the War College a gray stone building standing on a hill above the harbor.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. Dulles and Mr. McCone took off in a helicopter for Quonset Point and the return flight to their homes.

Mr. Kennedy recrossed the harbor in the Honey Fitz, picked up Mrs. Kennedy and their two children, Caroline and John, Jr., at the Hammersmith Farm landing, and departed on a cruise.

Mr. Kennedy's sleep was interrupted twice last night, Mr. Salinger said, because of the adjournment of Congress. He was awakened at 2:30 A. M. by Representative Carl Albert of Oklahoma, the assistant Democratic leader of the House, who said that body was ready to quit.

At 6:12 A. M., Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana, the Democratic majority leader, called to say that the Senate had finished its business. Such calls are a customary part of the Congressional ritual however they may interrupt a President's slumber.

McCone Flies to Coast

Mr. McCone said here yesterday afternoon that he had accepted the post when "I was satisfied that there were no great differences of opinion" with President Kennedy on the operation of the agency.

Mr. McCone spoke to reporters at New York International Airport shortly before he departed on a plane for Los Angeles. He said he was going to Los Angeles, where he maintains a permanent residence, to take care of personal business before going to Washington.

Moscow Reports Shift

LONDON, Sept. 27 (Reuters)—The Moscow radio reported tonight that "a big industrialist," John A. McCone, was taking over as chief of the Central Intelligence Agency.